

# DEMETER – IIP DEMonstrating the Emerging Technology for measuring the Earth's Radiation



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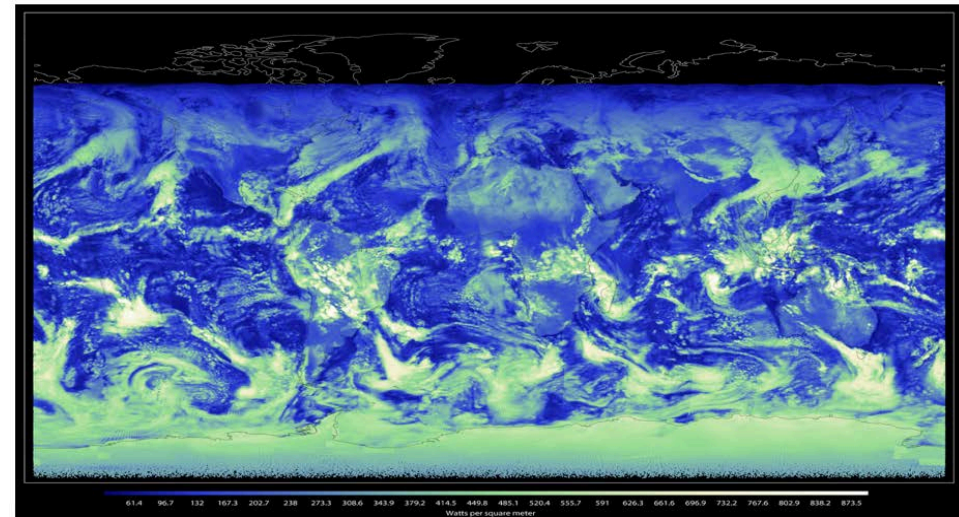
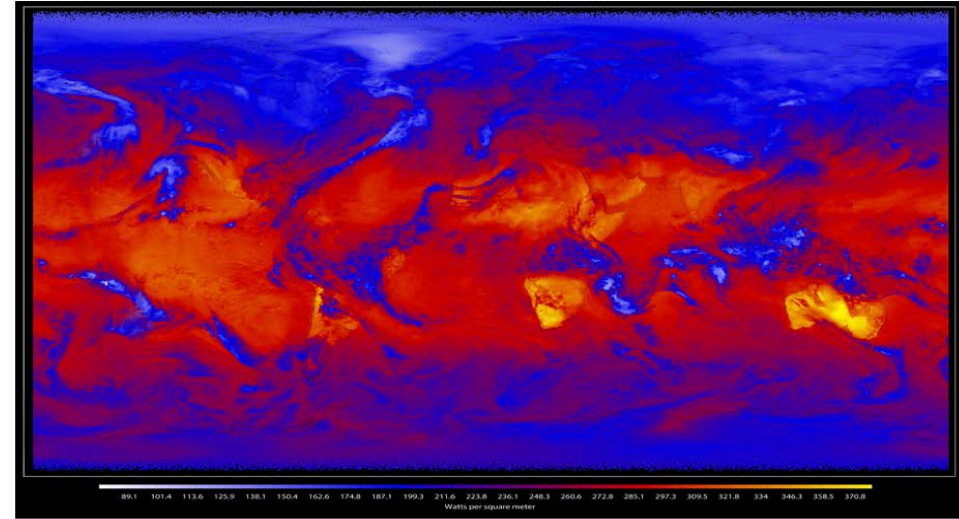
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Program: Earth Radiation

# Earth Radiation Budget Measurement

- ERB represents a balance between incoming solar radiation reaching the TOA with outgoing reflected solar and thermal radiant energy emitted by the Earth-atmosphere system.
- Long-term, sustained, and accurate climate observations are essential as acknowledged in multiple national and international community reports and publications.
- Since 2000 CERES project has provided the continuous climate data record aboard flagship missions (Terra, Aqua, S-NPP and NOAA-20).
- Overlap in observations between ERB sensors is required to tie the measurements to a common radiometric scale and for data continuity.
- The current approach relies on flying ERB instruments as hosted payloads on large and expensive flagship missions.



# Solution

- DEMETER is a “**right size**”, **free-flying** sensorcraft solution and a revolutionary approach for making **an enhanced** Fundamental Climate Data Record (ERB-FCDR) from Low Earth Orbit as its predecessor CERES
- The sensorcraft approach integrates:
  - A non-scanning optical module
  - A two-dimensional detector array
  - Sensor payload elements with a cellular satellite craft/platform
- Reduces mass, power, and cost, by an order of magnitude over current state-of-the-art techniques.
- Eliminates the classic boundaries of a payload and spacecraft, replacing it with an integrated system that shares resources, thereby eliminating duplicity while increasing redundancy in a small package.





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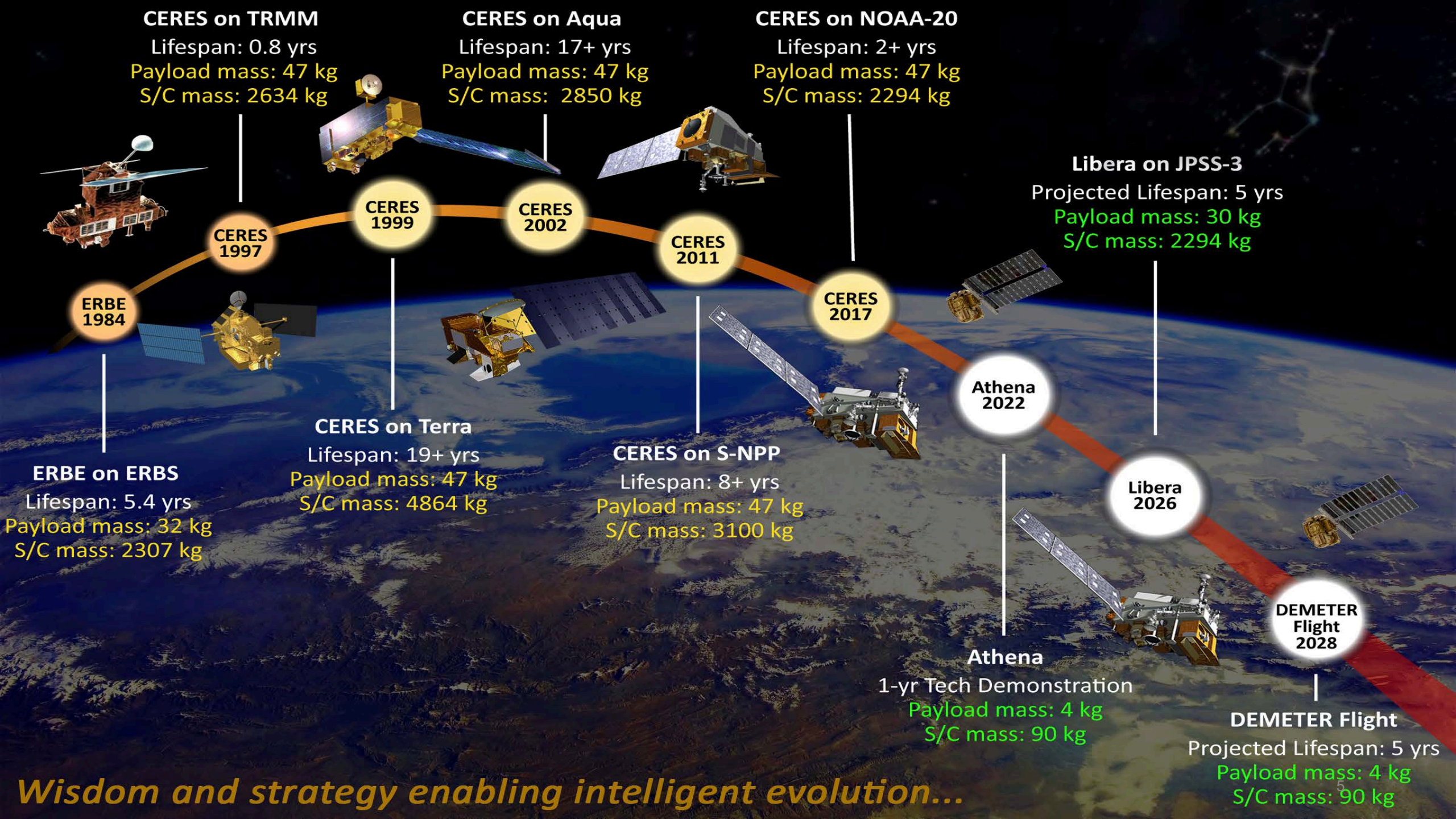
## **DEMETER Goals**

1. Preserve Continuity
2. Expand Capability

## **Means to the Goals**

1. Reducing the IFOV by a factor of  $\sim 10$
2. Improving sampling of the Earth's diurnal cycle
3. Reducing the risk of a gap in the multi-decadal ERB-FCDR
4. In-situ processing capability
5. Enabling future technology infusion via a cellular/configurable architecture



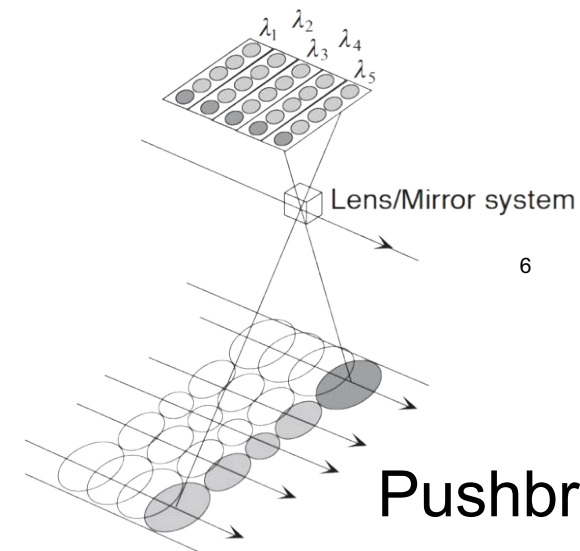
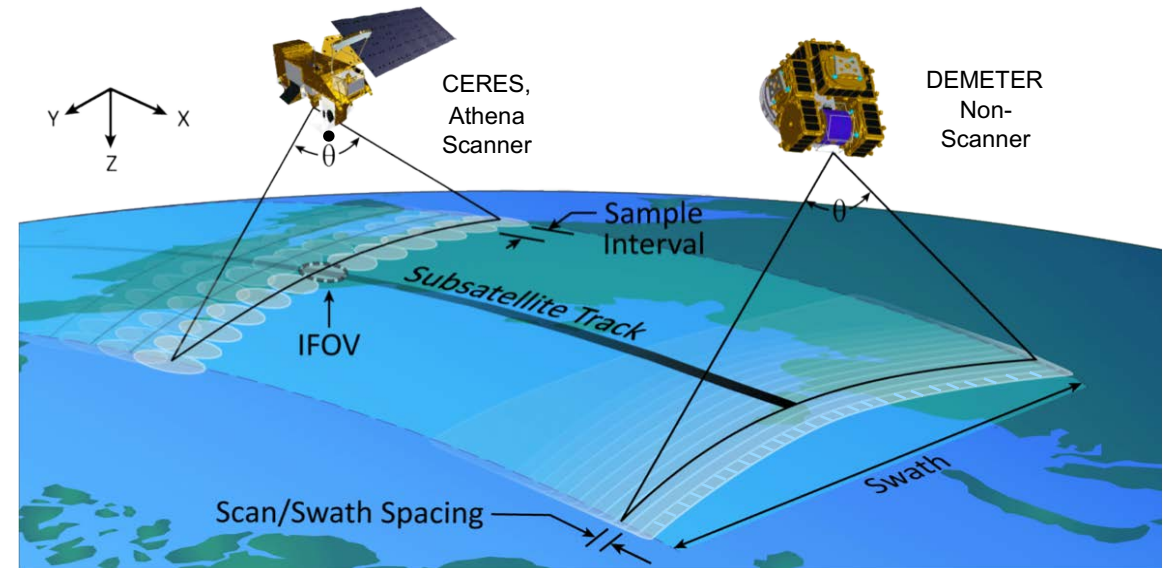


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# Technical Details

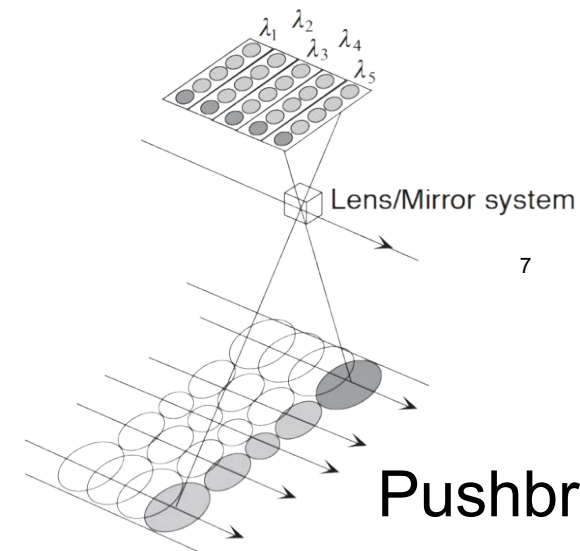
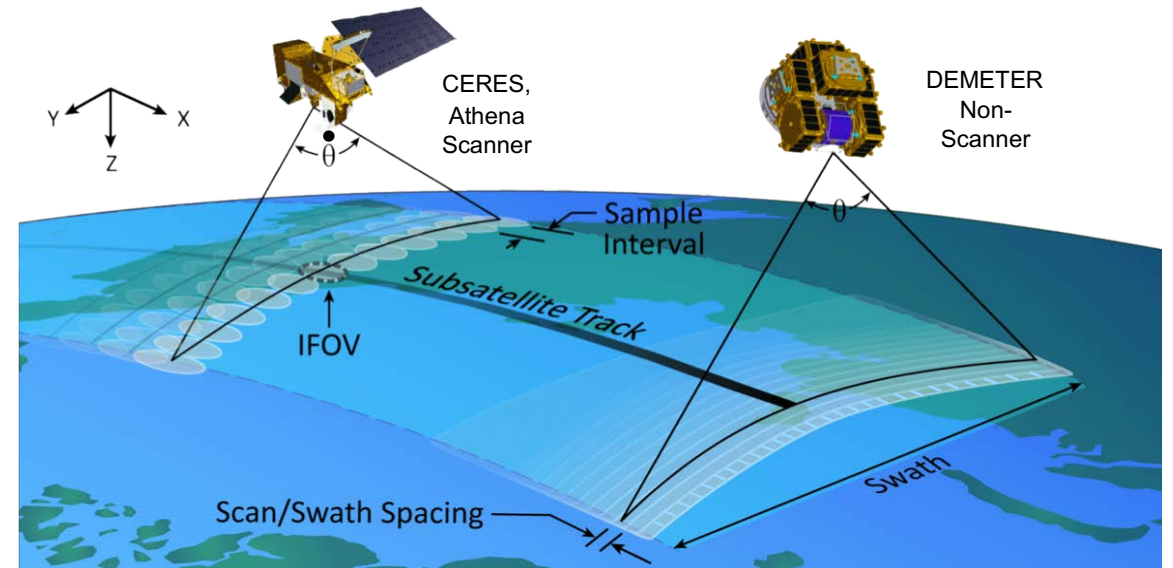
- Non-scanning, wide-field-angle radiometer to measure limb-to-limb TOA radiances, while integrated with a NovaWurks Hyper Integrated Satlet (HISat) sensorcraft
- HISat features include:
  - Modular/reconfigurable architecture allows for technology infusion
  - Rightsizing to the measurement
- NovaWurks is the industry leader for conformable spacecraft architectures
- Demonstrated on-orbit pointing control and radiation hardness



Pushbroom sensor

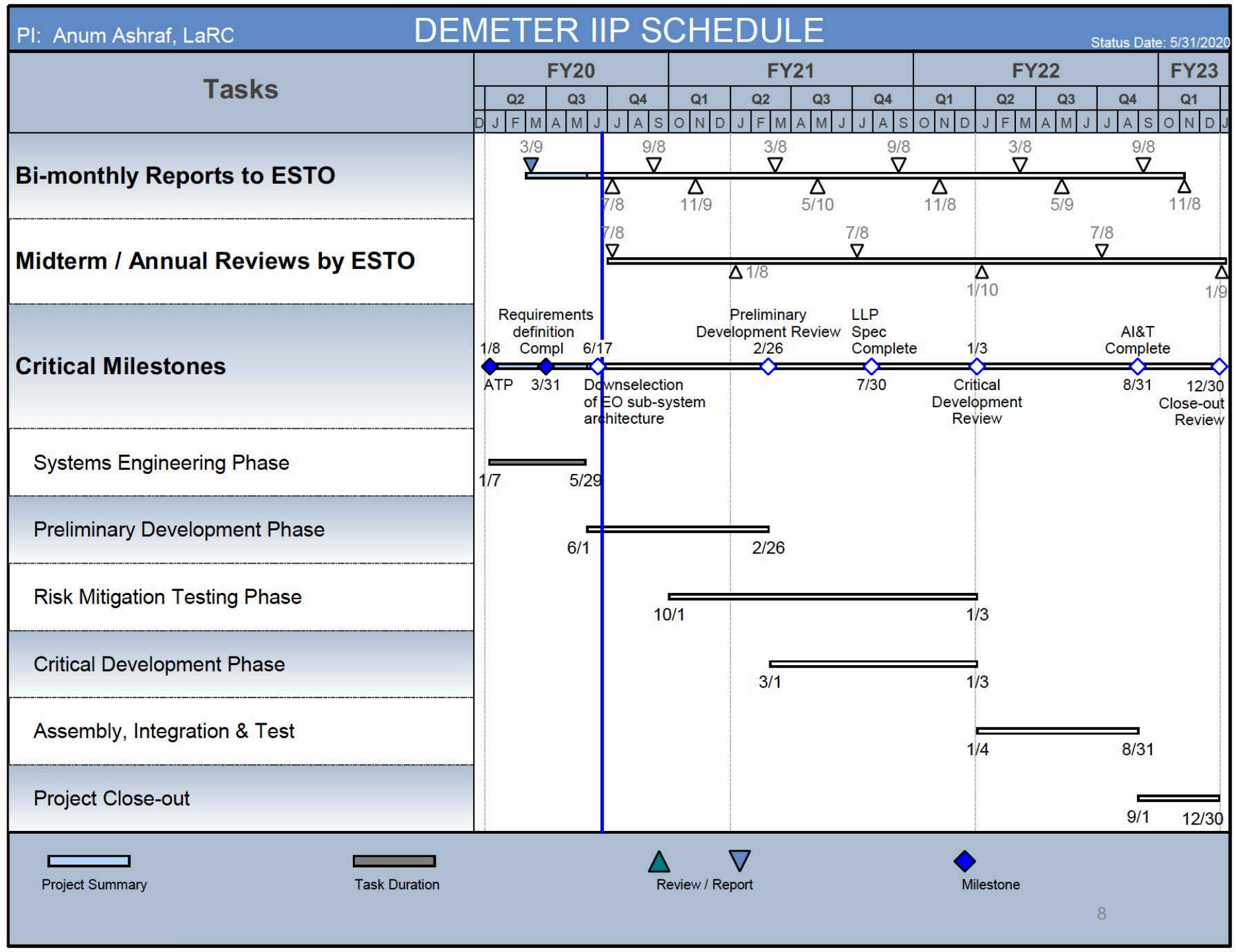
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- The two-dimensional detector array oriented perpendicular to the satellite ground track will simultaneously collect a single limb-to-limb swath of  $<10$  km IFOV's.
- Each of the rows on the detector collect unique information, either spectral or relating to the polarization content of the incoming light.
- Successive readouts of the array represent consecutive swaths providing the necessary spatial coverage of the TOA radiation fields for nominal observations.





# Next Steps







# Back Up Slides



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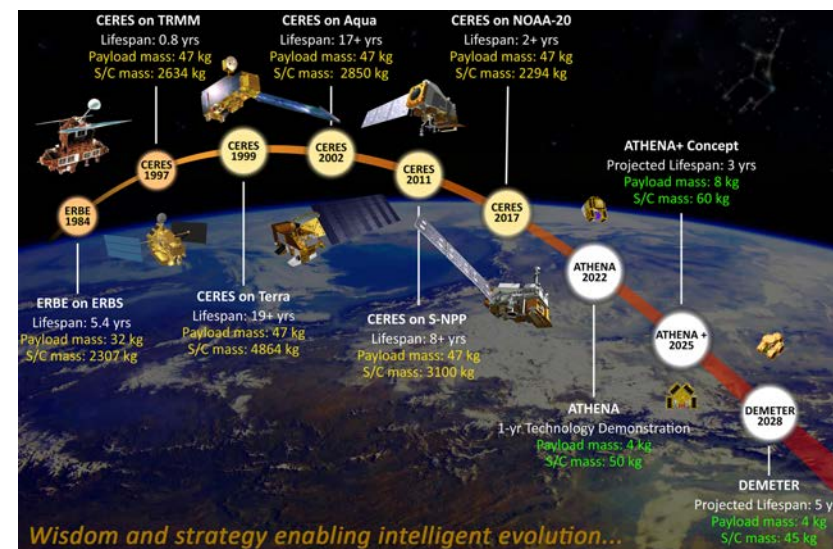


## DEMonstrating the Emerging Technology for measuring the Earth's Radiation

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### Objective

- Develop a sensorcraft that demonstrates a **game-changing** approach for measuring the Earth Radiation Budget Fundamental Climate Data Record.
- Exploit the science capability and greatly exceed data quality of current measurement by:
  - Increasing spatial resolution by factor of 10
  - Incorporating **intelligent** on-board data processing
- **Innovative** and **integrated** solution that reduces mass, power, risk, and cost, by an order of magnitude over current state-of-the-art techniques.
- Drastically reduced form-factor enables low cost flight opportunities providing more complete global diurnal sampling of radiation fields and significant risk reduction of a gap in the multi-decadal climate data record.



### Approach

- Leverage 100+ years of direct experience to pro-actively influence the design and address trades involved in an integrated and intelligent manner
- Design and build a non-scanning wide-angle telescope that reduces IFOV and increases spatial resolution
- Build and test a technology demonstration unit consisting of the wide-angle telescope integrated with sensorcraft elements

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### Key Milestones

• Project Kick-off	01/20
• Requirements Definitions Complete	03/20
• Downselection of optical architecture	05/20
• Preliminary Development Review	02/21
• Long-Lead Procurement Spec Complete	07/21
• Critical Development Review	01/22
• Assembly Integration and Test Complete	08/22
• Project Close-Out Review	12/22

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